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Transition to Year 7

Frequently Asked Questions



Welcome to Year 7 at DGS!

Moving to Senior School is really exciting. You will meet new people, learn lots of different things and have some fantastic experiences. But we know that there may be some questions you would like to have answered before you start.

This booklet has been written with the help of our current Year 7 boys. They were new to Senior School last year, so they know exactly what kind of things may be on your mind. Here are some of the questions they asked. We hope you find the answers helpful and are looking forward to starting at DGS in September.

We can't wait to see you on your first day!

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My First Day at DGS

Where do I go on my first day?



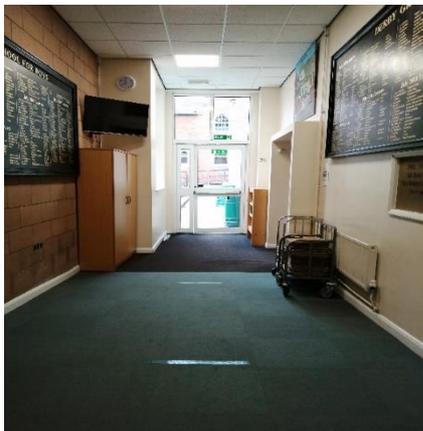
Whether you are arriving by bus, foot, or being dropped off by car, you will walk up the driveway to the front of School. Our Head of Year 7 and her 'Welcome to DGS Ambassadors' will be waiting there to show you where to go next. You'll have some activities during the day and tour of the School. You'll meet your new classmates and tutor too.

Will I need my PE kit on the first day?

Yes, please bring your PE kit into School. A t shirt, shorts and trainers will be all you need.

Do I get a locker?

Yes, you will have your own locker to store your coat and books. All you need to do is bring a small lock with you on the first day.



I'm worried about getting my lunch at the canteen.

Chef makes some amazing lunches. Check out the menu each week on the website and the TV screen when you wait in line:

<https://www.derbygrammar.org/school-life/school-dinners/>

You can choose a hot meal or a light meal, which includes wraps, jacket potatoes and a salad bar. Vegetarian options are available every day. Halal options are regularly available.

You don't need to bring any money for lunch. The rota tells you which year group goes first. When it's your turn, you stand in the line, collect your tray and meet Chef and her team. Don't worry if you have a food allergy or intolerance, Chef will know all about this and will help you choose the best meal for you.

I think I might get lost

Don't worry! We are here to help you find your way around when you're a new boy. You'll be given a map on your first day and tour of the School to help you get your bearings. If you can't find a class, just ask another pupil or member of staff. We are really friendly and have all been new at some point. We'll be very happy to help you. The teachers all know you'll be trying to find your way around and won't be cross if you are a little bit late to a lesson in the first few weeks. Just remember to follow your timetable in your homework diary, use the toilet during break and lunch and remember your writing equipment.

School Life



What equipment will I need to bring?

Remember your pencil case. It should be filled with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler. Maths equipment such as protractor and calculator. Bring a notebook. You'll be given a homework diary on your first day and you can put your new timetable in your diary. Please bring a water bottle each day. You can use the water coolers to keep it filled up.

What if I forget something?

If it is an essential item, like your games kit, then you need to go to reception for the school secretary to telephone home.



I love playing football. Can I still play it at DGS?

Yes! We have a football at school just for Year 7 boys and you can play football on the grass. On wet days there is a rota for the year groups to take it in turns to play on the hardcourt.

I'm worried I might fall out with my friends. Who can I talk to?

We don't want you to get worried about anything. Go and find your form tutor who will help you, if you have a problem. If your form teacher is not around, then your Head of Year, Mrs Charnock, will be able to help you as well.

I like reading. Do you have a library?

We have a library that is looked after by our librarian, Mrs Greenhowe. You are welcome to visit the library over lunch. We have lots of books and magazines to choose from and comfy beanbags to lounge on as you read.



I liked the clubs in my Junior School. Will I be able to join in clubs at DGS?

Yes! We have lots of clubs to choose from. We have clubs at lunchtime and after school. Some examples of our clubs include archery, Formula 24, yoga, foreign languages film club (with popcorn!) and swing band.

Do you have a tuck shop?

Our tuck shop is open every morning break. We have lots of healthy options. Here are some examples of what Chef sells.

Fresh fruit	40p	Skinny popcorn	80p
Yogurt pots	50p	Pizza slice	50p
Water bottle	£1	Croissant	80p
Orange juice	50p	Muffin	80p

I don't want to be late for School. What time should I arrive?

We ask that boys are at School by 8.20am. This gives you time to leave your bag and coat in your locker and make your way to your tutor room for registration at 8.30am.

What can I do if I lose something in School?

All your belongings should be labelled, so it will be easy to find if it gets lost. Retrace your steps and see if you can spot it. If not, just go to reception and Mrs Holmes, the receptionist will help you.

Will I get lots of homework?

Homework is on a rota and the timetable will be in your homework diary. You may be set two or three pieces a night. If you'd like, you can stay in homework club after school until 5pm to complete it.



Can I bring my mobile phone?

Some children who walk to school or catch the bus might need a mobile phone during their journey. However, we operate a 'limited mobile phone use' policy at DGS where you need permissions from a member of staff to use it. So, when you arrive at school, remember to switch your phone off and keep it in your blazer pocket. If, during the day, you need to contact home, you should ask Mrs Homes in reception.

If I get ill, what do I do?



We hope you won't get poorly at School, but if you do, don't worry, we are here to help. Tell a teacher first and they will send you to reception. We have a medical room for you to rest in whilst we look after you. If you are really poorly, we will telephone home. Please don't contact your parents directly, we will do this ourselves.

